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## CONSTITUTION.

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HIGHLY approving of the benevolent object of "The American Society for educating Pious Youth for the Gospel Ministry ;" and desirous of co-operating in this labour of love, we, whose names are underwritten, hereby form an Association, by the name of the **EDUCATION SOCIETY IN THE EASTERN PART OF VERMONT FOR EDUCATING PIOUS YOUTH FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY ;** and adopt the following Constitution :

### ARTICLE I.

Any person in the eastern part of Vermont, or its vicinity, may become a member of this Society, by subscribing the constitution, and engaging to pay annually a sum not less than *one dollar* ; and continue to be a member as long as he shall pay this annual subscription : or any person who shall subscribe and pay, at one time, a sum not less than *ten* dollars, shall be a member for life.

## ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, nine Directors, an Executive Committee, one or more Travelling Agents ; and two or more local agents in each town where the interests of the Society may require it. These officers, except the Executive Committee and Agents, shall be chosen annually at the stated annual meetings of the Society. And the Presidents, the two Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary, shall each be a Director, *ex officio*. The Treasurer shall be bound with two sureties in a reasonable sum to be determined by the Directors, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, which bond shall be made to the Executive Committee in person for the benefit of the Society. And it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make a report of the state of the Treasury to the Board of Directors, that they may be able to make the same known to the Society, as required by this constitution.

## ARTICLE III.

The Directors shall hold two stated



meetings in a year; the *first* immediately after their election, at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society; and the *second* on the day preceding the next following annual meeting of the Society, at the place of that meeting. They may likewise continue their first stated meeting by adjournment; or the President may call a special meeting of the Board, by causing particular notice of the time and place to be given to each Director. Five members of the Board shall be requisite to constitute a quorum for business.

It shall be the duty of the Directors, at their *first* meeting, to appoint an Executive Committee from their own number; and give them such directions, in addition to the provisions of the constitution, as may be deemed expedient. At their *second* meeting, it shall be their business to examine the proceedings of the Executive Committee, and the statement of the Treasurer; and prepare their annual Report to the Society.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The *Executive Committee*, the chairman of whom shall be Corresponding

Secretary, shall consist of three persons, appointed by the Board of Directors, whose duty it shall be to examine candidates for the charity of the Society; and make appropriations to such as are duly admitted as beneficiaries, according to the provisions of the Constitution, and the instructions of the Directors.

They shall likewise have authority to appoint Travelling Agents, whenever the interests of the Society shall require it; and designate Local Agents, either directly, or by Travelling Agents.

For the purpose of examining candidates, making appropriations to beneficiaries, &c. the Executive Committee shall hold quarterly meetings on the first Wednesday in January, April, July, and October, at 2 o'clock, P. M. and shall meet at such other times as they may find convenient and necessary.

Finally, it shall be the duty of the Committee, at the close of their official year, to prepare a detailed report of their transactions, and the state and prospects of the Society; which report they shall present to the Board of Directors, at their meeting, on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE V.

The Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, may draw orders on the Treasurer to defray the incidental expenses of the Society. No officer of the Society, however, except Travelling Agents, shall receive any pecuniary reward for his services.

## ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the *Local Agents*, (whose term of office shall continue from year to year, as long as they shall promote the interests of the Society) in each town respectively, to consult together; and in the manner they shall judge most expedient, endeavour to procure subscriptions, donations and contributions to the funds of the Society; or to organize auxiliary societies, both male and female. It shall especially be the duty of the Local Agents to encourage an annual contribution on the first Sabbath in January, for the funds of the Society, in their respective towns; to receive the avails of such contributions; and in the course of the same month, to collect the sums subscribed by members and donors, and transmit the money thus collected to the Treas-

surer of the Society, at the annual meeting, or previously, if convenient.—It shall likewise be their duty to transmit the names of subscribers, with the sums paid, against their names, to the Secretary; that he may be able to make a distinct record of the members and donors in each town. And, if in any place, a church or society or an individual person should undertake to educate one or more pious young men for the Ministry, the Local Agents in that place may state to the Secretary the annual sum appropriated for this purpose, that the fact may be included in the annual report of the Directors: Provided such young men shall have been examined and approved by the Executive Committee; and shall annually present satisfactory certificates from their instructors, agreeably to the constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Any church or auxiliary Society, annually paying *ten dollars*, may send to the annual meeting one delegate; and for every additional *thirty dollars* contributed in money or necessaries, toward the support of an approved beneficiary, one additional delegate.

The President of any auxiliary Society, which contributes annually *one hundred dollars*, shall be an honorary Vice-President of this Society; and all gentlemen, who make a donation of *one hundred dollars*, or who, at one payment, increase their original subscription to that sum, shall be honorary Vice-Presidents.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Any indigent young man of hopeful piety, exemplary character and respectable talents, may be a candidate for the charity of this Society.—None, however, shall be admitted as a *beneficiary*, without personal examination by the Executive Committee. Nor shall any one be admitted to examination, who is not fifteen years of age; and who has not devoted at least three months to classical studies, with a qualified instructor.

Every applicant shall likewise be required to exhibit to the Executive Committee, at the time of his examination, unequivocal testimonials from three or more serious and respectable persons best acquainted with him; stating his age, place of residence, and need of assistance; declaring their views of his

moral and religious character, talents, and learning; and certifying their belief, that it is his serious desire to devote his life to the Gospel Ministry.

Every approved beneficiary, whether in an Academy, at a College, or with a private instructor, in any stage of his education, upon application to the Executive Committee, shall receive quarterly some assistance. No one, however, shall receive more than is deemed sufficient, with economy, personal exertion, and the aid of his friends, to enable him to pursue his studies without embarrassment. And it is desired and expected that the beneficiaries, in each stage of their education, should, as far as they have opportunity, employ at least two hours in a day, in productive labour, with a view both to aid them in defraying the expenses of their education, and to promote vigorous health; and that their instructors be requested to direct and assist them as to suitable employment.

Every application to the Executive Committee for assistance, must be accompanied with a statement of expenses, and a certificate from the instructor of the beneficiary, testifying that he

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continues to sustain, in all respects, the character which the constitution requires

#### ARTICLE IX.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the first Wednesday in November, at ten o'clock, A.M. The place for holding each annual meeting shall be designated by vote of the Society, at the meeting preceding. At each of these meetings a sermon or an address shall be delivered before the Society.

#### ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be altered by a majority of the subscribers, present at the first meeting for the organization of the Society, which shall be holden at Royalton on the first Wednesday of November 1820. But after that period no alteration shall be made without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

#### ARTICLE XI.

This Society may be made an auxiliary or branch of the American Education Society, by a vote of two thirds of the delegates present at any annual meeting of the Society. After such an event the name of the Society shall be, **THE VERMONT EASTERN BRANCH (or AUXILIARY, as the case may be) OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.**

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